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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL TRAVEL (HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES)
REFERENCES: A. STATE MSG 089655 (NOTAL)

B. STATE MSG 106525 (NOTAL) DTG 110450Z MAY 77

C. STATE MSG SENT 13 MAY SUBJECT: CODEL ICHORD

1. OSD HAS DESIGNATED AIR FORCE ACTION AGENCY FOR THE TRAVEL OF
MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES TO VARIOUS
EUROPEAN AND MIDDLE EAST LOCATIONS DURING 26 MAY - 6 JUNE, 1977.
PURPOSE OF VISIT IS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY
MEETING IN BRUSSELS, PARTICIPATE IN THE PARIS AIR SHOW ACTIVITIES,
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AND CONDUCT FIELD HEARINGS ON THE SUBJECT OF CLOSE AIR SUPPORT
(CAS). THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION (CODEL) WILL DIVIDE INTO TWO
SEPARATE GROUPS WITH INDEPENDENT ITINERARIES.

HASC CODEL LEAD BY CHAIRMAN PRICE WILL FOLLOW ITINERARY
INDICATED IN PARAGRAPH 2 BELOW. HASC R&D SUBCOMMITTEE LEAD BY
CHAIRMAN ICHORD WILL FOLLOW ITINERARY INDICATED IN PARAGRAPH 3
BELOW,

2. CODEL PRICE ITINERARY: (ALL TIMES LOCAL, TRAVEL VIA SAM VC-137)

26 MAY 0830 DEPART ANDREWS AFB

26 MAY 2140 ARRIVE BRUSSELS

27 MAY 1000 MEETING WITH MILITARY COMMITTEE OF NORTH
ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY
28-29 MAY SCHEDULE AS ARRANGED BY HASC CHAIRMAN.
30 MAY A.M. STATE DEPARTMENT REQUESTING INFORMAL
DISCUSSION WITH NATO AMBASSADOR BENNETT.
30 MAY A.M. REQUEST INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH GEN HAIG.
31 MAY 1115 DEPART BRUSSELS
31 MAY 1200 ARRIVE PARIS (ORLY)
01 JUN A.M. STATE DEPARTMENT REQUESTING COURTESY CALL
ON AMBASSADOR AND COUNTRY TEAM BRIEFING.
02 JUN A.M. STATE DEPARTMENT REQUESTING MEETING WITH
MEMBERS OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.
03 JUN 1100 ATTEND PARIS AIR SHOW
04 JUN 1145 DEPART PARIS (ORLY)
04 JUN 1320 ARRIVE TORREJON
04 JUN P.M. BRIEFINGS AND TOUR OF FACILITIES AT TORREJON
04 JUN RON MADRID
05 JUN NO SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES
06 JUN 0800 DEPART TORREJON
06 JUN 1020 ARRIVE SHANNON (FUEL)
06 JUN 1150 DEPART SHANNON
06 JUN 1230 ARRIVE ANDREWS AFB
3. THE R&D SUBCOMMITTEE (CAS GROUP) WILL CONDUCT FIELD HEARINGS
ON CAS IN EUROPE AND ISRAEL FROM 26 MAY TO 6 JUNE. COMMITTEE
DESIRES TO DISCUSS CAS PHILOSOPHY, DOCTRINE, TACTICS AND
WEAPONS WITH PERSONNEL REPRESENTING ALL ECHELONS OF COMMAND
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TO INCLUDE AIR FORCE AIR CREWS AND ARMY FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATORS.
REPRESENTATIVE ICHORD WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY APPROXIMATELY 4 OTHER
SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS, MR. BATTISTA, PROFESSIONAL STAFF MEMBER, AND
MR. GEORGE MOHRMANN, PERSONAL MILITARY ADVISOR TO CHAIRMAN ICHORD;
MR. GEORGE SEYMOUR, OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS; AND LT. COLONEL PAUL K. ROBINSON, SAFLL ESCORT
OFFICER. ITINERARY FOR THIS GROUP DURING PERIOD SEPARATED FROM
HASC CODEL PRICE IS AS FOLLOWS: (ALL TIMES LOCAL)
27 MAY 0830 DEPART BRUSSELS (VIA HELO)
27 MAY 0900 ARRIVE SHAPE HQ
27 MAY 0930-1230 BRIEFINGS
27 MAY 1330 DEPART SHAPE (CHIEVRES ARPT) VIA C-9
27 MAY 1310 ARR BUCHEL
27 MAY 1330-1630 BRIEFINGS
27 MAY 1830 DEPART BUCHEL VIA C-9
27 MAY 1915 ARRIVE RAMSTEIN AB
27 MAY 1930 DEPART RAMSTEIN AB VIA BUS
27 MAY 2015 ARRIVE HEIDELBERG - RON
28 MAY 0830-1330 BRIEFINGS FROM USAFE & USAREUR
28 MAY 1230 DEPART HEIDELBERG VIA C-12
28 MAY 1300 ARRIVE SEMBACH AB
28 MAY 1315-1715 BRIEFINGS (C3, AGOS, CREEK BRAILLE, ETC.)
28 MAY 1730 DEPART SEMBACH AB VIA C-12
28 MAY 1800 ARRIVE HEIDELBERG - RON

29 MAY 1200-1700 BRIEFINGS (USAF PILOTS FROM SPANGDAHLEM AB AND
FIRE SUPPORT PERSONNEL FROM USAREUR UNITS.)

30 MAY 0730 DEPART HEIDELBERG VIA BUS
30 MAY 0815 ARRIVE RHEIN MAIN AB
30 MAY 0830 DEPART RHEIN MAIN AB VIA C-9
30 MAY 1515 ARRIVE TEL AVIV
30 MAY 1600 BRIEFINGS
30 MAY - RON JERUSALEM
31 MAY 0900-1000 BRIEFINGS
31 MAY 1100 DEPART TEL AVIV VIA C-9
31 MAY 1300 ARRIVE SIGONELLA (FUEL)
31 MAY 1400 DEPART SIGONELLA VIA C-9
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31 MAY 1600 ARRIVE RAF NORTHOLT
31 MAY 1700-1830 BRIEFINGS
31 MAY - RON LONDON
01 JUN 0830-1000 BRIEFINGS
01 JUN 1100 DEPART RAF NORTHOLT VIA C-9
01 JUN 1205 ARRIVE RAF WILDENRATH
01 JUN 1230 ARRIVE RHEINDAHLEN (HQ-RAF GERMANY)
01 JUN 1330-1630 BRIEFINGS
01 JUN 1730 DEPART RAF WILDENRATH VIA C-9
01 JUN 1915 ARRIVE OSLO - RON
02 JUN 1000-1200 BRIEFINGS
02 JUN 1400-1600 BRIEFINGS
02 JUN - RON OSLO
03 JUN 0830 DEPART OSLO VIA C-9
03 JUN 1130 ARRIVE PARIS (ORLY)
03 JUN 1300-1700 ATTEND PARIS AIR SHOW
03 JUN - RON PARIS
04 JUN 1000-1200 BRIEFINGS
04 JUN 1300-1500 MEETINGS WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE
FOLLOWING OFFICES: CONTROLLEUR JENERAL DE
ARMEES PIERRE, MARAIAS CONSEILLER TECHNIQUE,
AND CABINET MINISTERE DE LE DEFENCE NATIONALE.0
4 JUN - RON PARIS
05 JUN 1000 DEPART PARIS (ORLY) VIA C-9
05 JUN 1100 ARRIVE TORREJON

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AT THIS POINT, CODEL ICHORD RE-JOINS CODEL PRICE.

4. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR CODEL ICHORD'S CLOSE AIR SUPPORT
GROUP ONLY:

A. AT EACH STOP, COMMITTEE WILL REQUIRE A SECURE
CONFERENCE ROOM IN WHICH TO HOLD THEIR FIELD HEARINGS.

B. COMMITTEE DESIRES TO HAVE INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH
GENERAL HAIG FOR ABOUT 30-45 MINUTES ON 27 MAY. REQUEST THAT
THESE INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS BE FOLLOWED BY DISCUSSIONS WITH WORKING
LEVEL STAFF OFFICERS WELL VERSED IN NATO CAS PHILOSOPHY, DOCTRINE
AND TACTICS.

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C. FOR TEL AVIV, LONDON, OSLO, AND PARIS: COMMITTEE WOULD PREFER TO MEET WITH MINISTER OF DEFENSE AND SENIOR MILITARY STAFF PERSONNEL.

D. FOR USAFE AND USAREUR: COMMITTEE REQUESTS MORNING OF 28 MAY BE SPENT WITH HQ STAFF PERSONNEL FOR AN OVERVIEW OF CAS AND DEFENSE SUPPRESSION IN EUROPE. OTHER SUBJECTS WILL INCLUDE EFFECT OF JAMMING ON TACTICS AND THE HELICOPTER'S ROLE IN CAS. BRIEFINGS AT SEMBACH AB ON 28 MAY SHOULD INCLUDE C3, AGOS, AND CREEK BRAILLE. ADDITIONALLY, TACC AND DASC OPERATIONS SHOULD BE DISCUSSED. THE COMMITTEE DESIRES TO MEET PRIVATELY ON 29 MAY AT HEIDELBERG WITH THE FOLLOWING GROUPS: A) AIRBORNE FORWARD AIR CONTROLLERS (FAC'S) AND WEAPONS CONTROLLERS FROM 601ST TCW. B) AIR CREWS AND GROUND FAC'S FROM THE 52ND TFW (I.E. AT LEAST ONE OPERATIONALLY READY WILD WEASEL CREW, ONE OPERATIONALLY READY CREW FROM THE 23RD TFS, AND ONE QUALIFIED FORWARD AIR CONTROLLER). C) ARMY FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATORS FROM DIVISION LEVEL AND LOWER. COMMITTEE PREFERS TO MEET WITH THESE PERSONNEL IN THE ABSENCE OF ALL SUPERVISORY AND COMMAND PERSONNEL. MEETINGS WITH SUPERVISORY AND COMMAND PERSONNEL COULD BE SCHEDULED IF YOU SO DESIRE.

FOR USAREUR ONLY: REQUEST FIVE (5) DOUBLES AND FOUR (4) SINGLES AT THE EUROPAISCHE HOF DURING STAY IN HEIDLEBERG.

E. FOR USDAO LONDON, PLEASE COORDINATE THE FOLLOWING: COMMITTEE REQUESTS VISIT TO HQ RAF IN GERMANY, RHEINDAHLEN. THEY WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH OPERATIONAL COMMANDER AND AIR CREWS. ADDITIONALLY, COMMITTEE MEMBERS WOULD APPRECIATE IF THE RAF COULD ARRANGE FOR HARRIER PILOTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THEIR DISCUSSIONS AT RHEINDAHLEN.

F. FOR USDAO BONN, PLEASE COORDINATE THE FOLLOWING: COMMITTEE'S REQUEST TO VISIT BUCHEL IS BASED ON ITS LOCATION AND MISSION. COMMITTEE TOTALLY DEFERS TO THE GAF AS TO THE BEST LOCATION TO VISIT AN OPERATIONAL UNIT WITH AN AIR-TO-GROUND MISSION. IF THIS REQUEST IS APPROVED, THEY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE INTERFACE WITH OPERATIONAL COMMANDERS AND AIR CREWS. ADDITIONALLY, REQUEST BRIEFING OF THE HELICOPTER EXERCISE THAT TOOK PLACE IN LATE 1971 OR EARLY 1972 (I.E. CAS EXERCISE).

G. FOR USDAO TEL AVIV, PLEASE COORDINATE THE FOLLOWING:
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COMMITTEE IS ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING ISRAELI CAS PHILOSOPHY BOTH BEFORE AND AFTER THE YOM KIPPUR WAR AND LESSONS LEARNED FROM THAT ENCOUNTER.

H. FOR USDAO LONDON: COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS RESULTS OF A STUDY CALLED "HELLTANK" AND ANY SUBSEQUENT CAS STUDIES.
5. FOR USCINCEUR: REQUEST OVERALL PROJECT OFFICER BE APPOINTED FOR ENTIRE VISIT. REQUEST NAME, RANK, OFFICE/HOME TELEPHONE NUMBERS BE PROVIDED THIS HEADQUARTERS NOT LATER THAN COB 17 MAY. ADDITIONALLY, REQUEST PROJECT OFFICER BE APPOINTED FOR EACH STOP IN ITINERARY. SPECIFIC DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE COORDINATED WITH CINCEUR PROJECT OFFICER AND LOCAL UNIT PROJECT OFFICERS VIA TELEPHONE WITH SAFLL PROJECT OFFICERS.

6. FOR USAF: REQUEST MILITARY AIR TRANSPORTATION AS OUTLINED IN PARAGRAPH 3. APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF PASSENGERS AT THIS TIME IS PLEASE CONFIRM FLIGHT TIMES. AFTER COMPLETION OF VISIT, PROVIDE THIS OFFICE WITH THE TOTAL FLIGHT TIME EXPENDED IN SUPPORT OF THIS VISIT, BY TYPE OF AIRCRAFT AND INCLUDING PRE/DE-POSITION TIME, NLT TWO WEEKS AFTER COMPLETION.
7. NAMES AND SECURITY CLEARANCES OF ALL TRAVELERS WILL BE PROVIDED BY SEPERATE MESSAGE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
8. HONORS AND MEDIA COVERAGE NOT DESIRED; HOWEVER, LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TOGETHER WITH PURPOSE OF VISIT MAY BE MADE IF QUERIED.
9. PROVISIONS OF AFR 11-7 APPLY FOR AIR FORCE ADDRESSEES, REPORT OF VISIT REQUIRED.
10. OVERALL PROJECT OFFICER THIS HQ IS MAJOR BUSTER C. GLOSSON, SAFLL, AUTOVON 227-4142, OR 227-8154, HOME PHONE (703) 823-9237. PROJECT OFFICER FOR CAS PORTION OF VISIT IS LT COLONEL PAUL K. ROBINSON, SAFLL, AUTOVON 225-5629, OR 227-6813, HOME PHONE (703) 978-9557.

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